

GREAT RUSSIAN ARMY MOVES UP

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MARKS BEGINNING

Berlin Hears Withdrawal Was Forced by Nasty

AUSTRIANS HOLDING LINE IN BELMONT

Bitter Fighting Is in Progress on Moldova

BERLIN, via London, July 18.—The Russian operations west and southwest of Lutsk, which began last Saturday, apparently marked the beginning of renewed important fighting in this sector, according to reports from war correspondents of Berlin newspapers.

The Russians had employed the com-

paratively quiet period since July 5 in reinforcing their units and making redeployments of their forces. Especially large masses of troops were assembled west of Lutsk with the aid of the double-track railways and two excellent military roads.

The new operations began Saturday morning with a Russian advance from Torcha in the direction of Sadof. This met with strong opposition at first and then swung back. Meanwhile, however, the strong forces were advancing along the road from Lutsk to Charnikov. These forces encountered the Austro-German troops during the night along the front from Torcha to Sadof.

It was quickly apparent that the Austro-German forces were facing greatly superior numbers, and a withdrawal of

The fighting along the Moldavia-Bukovina line in the Bukovina is reported to be bitter. In hand-to-hand conflicts the Austrians are successfully holding the line east of the Bukovina border. As in the former occupation of the Bukovina the fighting along the Carpathian Heights is taking on the nature of guerrilla warfare. There are constant skirmishes between patrolling parties and other small forces.

LONDON, July 18.—Following the retirement of Gen. von Linsingen's army to the south bank of the Lipa, southwest of the village of Kall, the Germans on his left wing have started a retreat along the river. The retirement of the Germans was disorderly, and as a result the Russians captured several thousand prisoners, heavy artillery, and military supplies.

Gen. von Linsingen's retirement across the Lipa is considered by the critics as a retreat, and it is believed that the advance of the Russians toward Lemberg.

Reports from Rome say that the retirement of the Hungarian allies on the Lipa has caused a panic in Galicia, where towns are being evacuated.

Tenna asserts that from Russian attacks in the territory southwest of Lemberg, with the exception of the town in the Carpathian region, near

Strong attacks were made by German troops against the Russian forces south and south-east of Riga, on the extreme northern section of the line. The attacks broke down under German fire, according to reports from Berlin, but it is admitted that the Russians in several instances captured fire-line trenches, although the main line

able to hold them.

NEW DRIVE GAINING.

**Advance of Brastloff's Left Wing
Makes Headway.**

PETROGRAD (Via London), July 18.—Although the issue of the struggle between the opposing forces in the

The first is the successful drive from the new quarter in Volhynia, southwards of Lutsk. The second is an advance of the extreme southern wing of Gen. Brusilov's forces along the high co-

In the first region the Russian operations are now directed against the left wing of Gen. Bochu-Birmoli's army near Svinitsky, which has already

yielded ground before the heroic Russian
armada. Of the four Austrian army
groups employed against Brusiloff
forces, Boehn-Ernold's group has been
the last affected by the Russian offen-
sive. It has held its ground firm
against all the Russian attempts to pass

With their advance along the Kiril-
lyuk-Maramoros-Siget road the Rus-
sians are in possession of four impor-

The taking of Baku, which has been the goal of the central Caucasus armies ever since the fall of Erzerum, has definitely ended, according to military opinion here, all chances of a successful Turkish counter offensive.

MINISTER SAZONOFF ILL.

Russian Diplomat Goes to Finland to Recuperate.

LONDON, July 18.—A Russian diplomat

1208125, July 15.—A Reader despatched from Petrograd says that Sergius Saz